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"The law of truth was in his mouth and iniquity was not found in his mouth, Mal. 2:6. "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." John 8:32.

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THREE THOUSAND PAY FINAL RESPECTS TO BISHOP WELLS

"...a leader of men. He kept us together."

"...a preacher's preacher."

"...when things were dark, he would always bring sunshine."

One after another, the eulogies flowed in tribute to Bishop Wyoming Wells, pastor of Wells Temple Church of God in Christ, who died here.

For three hours those who came to the Wells Temple on Asheboro Street sat jammed into pews or stood shoulder to shoulder in the crowded sanctuary as stories were told and praises paid over Wells, who during nearly 50 years in the ministry attained national prominence in his denomination.

In all, an estimated 3,000 persons attended Wells' funeral service. Many of them were unable to crowd into the church, but heard the service over loud-speakers set up outside.

Cries of sorrow over the pastor's death punctuated the service, alternating however with shouts of joy over the belief that Wells already is in Heaven.



MOURNERS CROWD WELLS GRAVESITE AT LAKEVIEW CEMETERY

Wells' body lay in state below the pulpit from which he preached the pentecostal holiness Gospel for years. Mourners filed by his open casket, some of them sobbing uncontrollably, some collapsing into the arms of nursing attendants.

Wells was born in Gaines

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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPPOSE MEDITATION MOVEMENT

Creative intelligence in a cornfield? That was the question of many when they heard that the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi and his Transcendental Meditation (TM) movement had purchased the campus of the defunct Parsons College in Fairfield, Iowa. For an estimated purchase price of \$2.5 million, what was once known as "Drop-out U" has become Maharishi International University, where students will be trained in the "Science of Creative Intelligence," the theory behind TM.

It is estimated that 250,000 Americans now practice TM, a technique for meditation and

relaxation which lowers the meditator's blood pressure, breath rate and metabolic rate. But despite its claims to be non-sectarian, the movement is encountering setbacks in its efforts to incorporate TM into public school curricula.

The Newton, N.J. school board rejected Transcendental Meditation classes after a local clergyman, the Rev. Robert Craig, demonstrated its Hindu underpinnings using the writings of the Maharishi himself. Other New York and New Jersey communities, however, still plan on introducing TM into the public school curricula in 1975.

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GENERAL CHURCH REPORTS DUE APRIL

The General Church report of the Church of God in Christ is to be turned in during the Spring Call meeting in April, 1975. The financial program was approved by the General Assembly. If successful, it could help produce the most progressive Development program in the Church's history.

Through a feasibility study for future use of the Chisca Plaza Hotel for the Church of God in Christ, it was realized that the proper finance program could launch one of the most progressive economic development programs in the history of the Church of God in Christ.

The report presented a plan that with the Chisca property serving as the base of operation for a complex business venture; the large membership could build a program of economic development which will complement and enhance the spiritual, community-service and self-help objectives of the Church 100%. The study was made by the MATCH Institution, with specific contributions from Attorneys, Certified Public Accountants and one of the leading architectural firms.

The report stated that with a downtown headquarters in the Chisca, the Church can launch and promote its Economical Development program identified and described as follow:

--Publishing the History of the Church;

--Publishing a monthly magazine;

--Conducting workshops on economic development?

--Strengthening the C.O.G.I.C. Management Corporation to develop the Chisca property;

--Developing a national travel agency to serve the four National Church Conventions and Church National and International tours;

--Developing a National Insurance Agency to reduce the cost of insurance to Church members using the group plan approach;

--Developing a Recording Studio which will specialize in gospel and religious music and messages;

--Developing a Holding Company to provide the members with an opportunity to invest in all of the business ventures operated by the Church; and finally

--Developing a Real Estate Investment Trust to provide the members of the Church with the opportunity to make real estate investments under the most favorable financial conditions.

This proposal will help the Church to achieve the following goals;

1. The continuation of improvements and maintenance of Mason Temple, including the installation of a modern and adequate public address system.

2. To renovate our down-town headquarters, formerly known as the Chisca Plaza Hotel, for the furtherance of the world wide Gospel Ministry, through radio, television, literature and the relocation of the Publishing House.

a. To provide housing for delegates when attending the

National Convocation, Spring call Meeting and Departmental Meetings which will alternate to Memphis each year; such as the Youth Congress, Sunday School Convention, Evangelist Convention, Music Convention, Women's Convention, etc.

b. To continue a successful operation and expansion of our Church Bookstore, which is located on the first floor of our down-town headquarters. (We are thoroughly convinced that God has given us this building, the "Chisca Plaza Hotel", "TO REACH THE LOST THROUGH PENTECOST")

3. To develop housing for the elderly members, retired and convalescing Elders and Missionaries from our church who have served and reached the "golden age".

4. To erect an administration-dormitory building at the Charles Harrison Mason Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia.

5. To extend Saints College Campus to a four year Urban Campus at our National Headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

6. To develop lands belonging to the College in Mississippi.

7. To develop church extensions and superannuations for deserving constituents.

8. To develop a program of Orientation to help the Youth understand doctrine, belief and practices of our church.

We are the architects of the Church's present and future. We are counting on you to help us reach these goals.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

OBSERVATIONS OF
A LAYMAN

by
Richard Britton

Having just arrived home from the 67th Holy Convocation, I would like to make some observations that may seem good, and some that might appear overly critical. However, after more than 40 years in the church where I plan to remain until death, my criticisms (if they are to be considered) are acts of love.

First, I would like to commend very highly the ability of Bishop Chandler Owens to bring order and quietness to the tremendous crowds of people. Undoubtedly, this must be a God-given ability. It would be wonderful if more of our great ministers had this ability.

Secondly, the great spirit-filled services on Sunday and Sunday night were memorable and carried thousands of the saints to an unforgettable experience. Our leaders bringing in Oral Roberts to us added to the dimensions of the meeting and served to enhance the tremendous preaching of our own Bishop.

Now to mention those things that I feel take away from the greatness of our Convocation.

No. 1 - The practice of throngs of our people who begin dismissing themselves even before the message is ended. This reflects on our intelligence and sincerity, and this disrespect of our leader certainly need not occur; it takes away some of the glory of the moment from those who wish to savor the last bit of the spiritual food with which we are fed. This practice, I am sorry to relate, is followed by many of our leaders as is evidenced by

them wearing clergy clothes.

May I presume to offer what could lead to a solution to this practice. If every pastor (who I am sure would frown upon this practice in his local congregation) would instruct the members of his congregation to show this common respect in their district and state meetings and the district and state officials would further instruct those coming to the Holy Convocation, I feel that the effectiveness of our convocation would be greatly enhanced.

No. 2 - The practice of people (again many of our leaders) holding loud and long conversations in the temple while services are in progress. Again, this shows disrespect for the persons speaking plus annoying others who are present to hear. This too could be corrected by beginning at the local level.

It is also grievous to hear some of our leaders being very critical of aspects of the program with which they disagree. These criticisms are loudly proclaimed in earshot of anyone who desires to listen. How can they expect their followers to accept and follow their programs when they (the lay members) hear them (the leaders) openly fighting any part of the program with which they disagree.

Again, I say that we have the greatest leaders and greatest church in the world. We look forward to the 68th Holy Convocation.

Richard Britton
Bright Temple COGIC
Bishop A. King, Pastor

HEALED OF CANCER

Greetings to the saints of God everywhere; from Greater Israelite Church of God in Christ of San Diego, Ca. It is my pleasure to let you know that the Lord is moving in our midst in a great way. We are indeed blessed of the Lord here at Israelite, under the leadership of Elder Harvey Jessie.

Our church is a growing church, because it is a praying church. You can find a prayer meeting going on here, sometime or another, any week day. Elder and Sis. Jessie are lovely people of God, who believe in letting the Lord have his way. Our Pastor preaches the word as it is, and don't take down for anyone. As a result, many have been healed from various illness. Souls are being delivered and set free from sin. We have so many good testimonies among us, from time to time we would like to share some of them with you.

Today we start with Sis. Margaret H. Coleman, who was

healed of cancer.

It has been almost eight years now since Sis. Coleman was dying of a malignant terminal cancer. She had suffered for two years or better, and her condition was so bad, she could not be treated with cobalt.

Cobalt is commonly used for treating cancer, when it is caught in time, but Sis. Coleman had long passed the stage where cobalt could assist in arresting her cancerous condition. Infection had set in, and the cancer had eaten holes through her stomach and left leg. The Doctor wanted to amputate the leg, but instead she was sent home from the University hospital after many months. She was in much pain, and the leg gave her much trouble. The cancerous pus came from her leg and stomach into her bed, leaving a terrible odor. The saddest part about Sis. Coleman's story, she was not saved.

Sis. Coleman is the sister of Mother West, our church



ANSWERS
TO
YOUR QUESTIONS

by
Bishop J. O. Patterson
Presiding Bishop of C.O.G.I.C.

Dear Bishop

Enjoy your column very much also. My question: In what manner or method does your great church body relate to the total welfare of your membership and its struggle to secure and maintain first class citizenship in all areas of our democracy. For example: do you encourage voter registration and participation and general civic participation from a national level and in what way?

Robert "Bob" Tieuel, Jr.
Minister-Director
The Christian Call News Service

Dear Robert Tieuel, Jr.:

The Church of God in Christ since it's inception has always advocated social justice for all mankind. The late Bishop C.H. Mason, organizer, was a brave champion of human justice and first class citizenship for black people, long before Martin Luther King was even heard of. Yes, we believe in participating in political government. We do, however, strongly advocate that the black man needs to elevate his morals through sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost, example: 189 homicides in the City of Memphis during 1974, 85% of them were black folk killing black folk; 90% of the rapes are committed by blacks against blacks; 85% of all robberies were committed by blacks. The hope of our race is Jesus.

Dear Bishop:

What I am writing you Really about is WOMEN preachers in the Church of God in Christ. Was it so from the beginning?

Unknown

Dear Unknown:

May I commence by saying I don't like to answer letters for people who don't have the courage to sign their name. However, the Church of God in Christ does not ordain women preachers. I would think when you refer to women as preachers in the Church of God in Christ you are judging them by the tone of their voices, how they can mourn and melodiously deliver themselves. But, you cannot find one scripture in the Bible which says that is preaching. May God bless those women who labor with the preacher in the gospel.

Dear Presiding Bishop Patterson:

I am writing you because I have a question to ask. Can a Bishop take an Elder or Missionary papers just because he or she preach or teach at other denomination churches?

E.E.

Dear E.E.:

One sometimes is put in an awkward position trying to answer a question, having heard only one side. No, a bishop is not justified in revoking credentials of an elder or missionary simply because they preach the gospel to other denominations. Jesus said "Go ye therefore into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.". I don't, however, appreciate ministers or missionaries of the Church of God in Christ who ally themselves with ministers of other denominations whose soul purpose is to discredit the Church of God in Christ.

mother, who went around asking prayer for her sister. Our pastor Elder Jessie, went into Sis. Coleman's home, and prayed the prayer of faith. After prayer, Sis. Coleman says that she felt better. Later she came to our church where a revival was in session. Sis. Q.T. Williams was conducting the meeting. As Sis. Coleman began to surrender her will to God, she testifies that she prayed this prayer, Lord! if you don't heal my body, save my soul. The Lord came on in, and saved her then.

Sis. Coleman began to notice she no longer had that terrible odor, and no pus ran from the holes, that was getting smaller by the day. Then the day came when there was no holes at all. Praise God, Sis. Coleman was healed! and she is healed today. Before her healing, she weighed less than 110 pounds, today she weigh 176 pounds. She say that her left leg is her strongest leg today. Sis. Coleman is a busy woman, she keeps children, she

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FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE TRY OLD AGE

by
George Fuller

Old age comes suddenly upon us. No one knows that better than old people. Like the passing of a puff of steam, like grass that so soon withers and dies, life nears its end. Hosea said of Ephraim: "Aliens devour his strength, and he knows it not; gray hairs are sprinkled upon him, and he knows it not" (7:9).

Sorrow and sickness, loneliness and despair often accompany advancing years. Cicero wrote of

this: "When I consider in my mind I find four causes why old age is thought miserable: one, that it calls us away from the transactions of affairs; the second, that it renders the body more feeble; the third, that it deprives us of almost all pleasures; the fourth, that it is not very far from death."

No one can ignore or remove such problems that old age brings. But Christians share

God's best in life, even in old age. Old age from a biblical perspective is life transformed, life renewed, life filled with blessings and opportunities.

Old age at its best is a time of wisdom and faith. "Wisdom is with the aged, and understanding in length of days" (Job 12:12). Prov. 4:1 calls upon the young to heed the wisdom of those who are older. The elders among us have the

great advantage of experience and the perspective of years. They can bring into any discussion into life itself, views and wisdom not influenced unduly by excited passion or momentary impulse. Youth needs that kind of balance.

How unwise to ignore the wisdom of old age. One of the kings of Israel did so. "And the king answered the people harshly, and forsaking the counsel which the old men had given him, he spoke to them according to the counsel of the young men..." (I Kings 12:13-14). As a result a kingdom was divided, decimated, almost destroyed.

Age confirms truth

Faith also marks the best old age. A larger experience in Christ confirms the truth cherished for many years. Such faith has survived doubts and challenges; it has been refined in the fire. Out of the struggle, not always victorious, against temptation and sin, it emerges stronger.

Of course, length of years does not necessarily bring depth of wisdom and faith. Years are filled with opportunity and accountability. Some old people may only have achieved a greater proportion of guilt as they near the judgment of God. But, at its best, old age is a time of wisdom and faith.

God wants old people to share their wisdom and faith. Exod. 10:2 is a command to grandparents: "... you may tell in the hearing of your son and of your son's son how I have made sport of the Egyptians and what signs I have done among them; that you may know that I am the Lord." They were to relate to their grandchildren the story of God's great deliverance.

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Landing, Arkansas, in 1909, the last of 23 children born in his family.

He entered the ministry at 15, after his family had moved to Philadelphia, Pa., and there he joined the Church of God in Christ.

In 1939, he was appointed overseer of the North Carolina conference by Bishop C.H. Mason, founder of the Church of God in Christ. In 1953, he was named a bishop.

Wells was a member of the 12-member General Board, the highest policy-making body of the faith. He was also a member of the board of trustees of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta and of Saints Junior College in Lexington, Miss.; former president of the Greensboro Ministerial Alliance and one of the founders and chairman of the board of Greensboro National Bank.

The white columned facade of the yellow brick church was draped with black for the funeral services. Two wreaths with white ribbons hung on the outside front wall of the church.

As those inside waited for the Wells family to arrive, quiet organ music from the loudspeakers flavored the crisp, clear Autumn day.

Neighbors of the church gathered on their porches to watch as the family arrived and, behind a procession of the dignitaries to speak, filed into the church to the organ music "Jesus Savior Pilot Me" and the singing of the Wells Temple Celestial Choir.

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COGIC PROGRESSES IN SOUTH AFRICA

Greetings to the Brethren and all Members and Friends of the Church of God in Christ throughout the world. The 10th Annual Convocation of the Church of God in Christ in Botswana, convened September 11th-15th, 1974 here in Francistown. Truly the presence of the Lord was felt in every service.

At the opening session, our Pastor Bishop Maimela led all Ministers, Pastors, Evangelists, State Workers and Laymen in a united prayer for the benefit of lost souls and for the spiritual uplifting of His servants. The morning devotion was conducted by Elder I. B. Ndubiwa of Sebinas who warned the saints to be not a dead Church.

A, record breaking crowd attended this Holy Gathering. Bishop Maimela delivered the Annual Message--"Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh"(Exodus 3:10) He

preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, and urged all members to become involved in Church and community activities for the salvation of mankind. He pointed out that our Church must meet today's needs if progress was to be made to save dying souls in this part of the land.

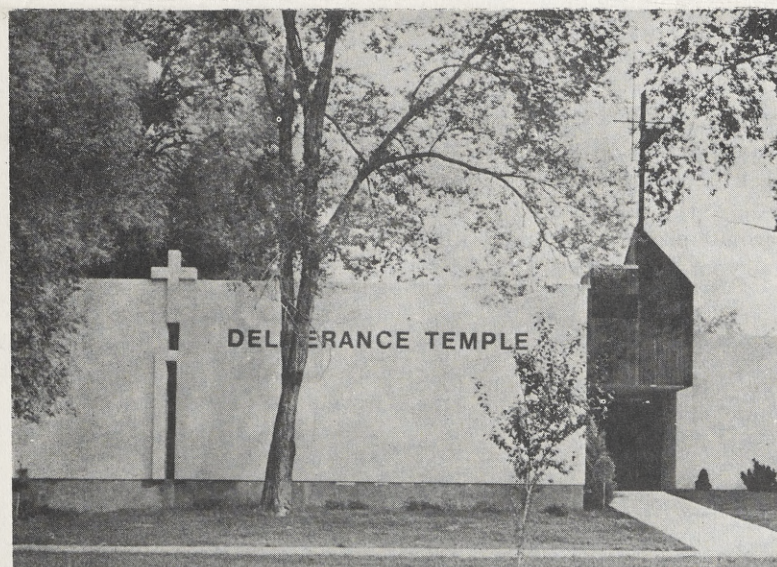
Prior to this Convocation, the National Executive was called on Church business under the Chairmanship of Bishop Maimela to draw the program, and the Committee was highly commended for a marvelous Program well done. The day to day sessions included: Christian Welfare Committed led by Elder I. B. Ndubiwa, Women's involvement in Church activities by Mrs. V. A. G. Maimela, Explanation of the Official Manual of the Church of God in Christ, Inspirational Prayers, training, exhortations and Sermons.

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Bishop L. H. Ford, Founder and Pastor



NEW BETHEL CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST
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Elder Sherman Howard, Pastor



DELIVERANCE TEMPLE C. O. G. I. C.
Bishop M. A. Givens

The Whole Truth Paper would like to salute the many productive Pastors who through the most difficult circumstances have succeeded in building some of the most beautiful church edifices in the nation. The Church of God In Christ clergyman is to be especially congratulated because his pastoral situation has a peculiarity all its own. He usually has to start his church with nobody but his family. His only main source of revenue is himself. The obstacles and frustrations that he has to endure are at times unbelievable. But in spite of this he succeeds. His most important asset is faith.

Elder H. E. Plunkett gives the following account of how God blessed him and his congregation to move into the largest Church of God in Christ establishment in the entire State of Kentucky.

"One Saturday afternoon in September of this year, one of our newly saved saints Sis. Jaquiline Stanton came to me and said, "I know where there is a church that might be for sale". Later the same day I took Sis. Plunkett with me and we found the caretaker and we were shown the inside of the Church. Immediately we knew that this was the church for us. Sis. Plunkett began praying in the hallways saying "O God! all of this wonderful building going to waste, Lord give it to us". We went into the sanctuary and prayed asking God to make the way."

Confident that God would give it to us, I began to negotiate with the owners to purchase the Church. It would have to be God because we had just bought the property next to us in hopes of building a new church some day, and to obtain a church of this size was just far beyond our reach, but "Is there anything impossible with God?" When I think of the great things that God has done in the past, not only for the prophets of old but also for the men of God in our time, then my faith is inspired. Yes! when I think of our contemporary men of faith like Eld. Willie Lee Porter who walked into a \$700,000.00 Church with no members and is still there alive and well, then I knew that I could say "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Philippians 4:13.

I knew it would take faith for us to unlock that gigantic door; and

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CRIME COMES TO CHURCH

by
Brother Sam Spralls
Midwest Area Reporter

Crime has long since come to the streets of our cities. Thieves have broken into stores, gas stations, taverns, and even your home and mine. But never in history have criminals had the audacity, the immitigated gall to break into the houses of God-until now!

In Milwaukee, at Rehoboth Tabernacle Church of God in Christ, where Reverend Virdell Wallace is pastor, thieves have broken in three times. The first time they stole all of the microphones, amplifiers, and radios they could find. The second time they walked out with office furniture. The third time, some young criminals were apprehended stealing a set of drums. Police had been alerted by church neighbors. Ironically, this church is located in one of the better black neighborhoods of the city. Numerous other pastors in the Milwaukee area have experienced the same thing time and time again.

Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. in Evanston, Illinois where Reverend Carlis Moody, is pastor has been broken into several times. Thieves took expensive office equipment. More recently, criminals have stolen the batteries from the cars of the saints, while they were in service. The situation is such that they keep a security guard on duty during each service.

In Gary, Indiana pastors have come together after a recent rash of crimes involving rape and robbery of their members as they go to and from church.

This current on slaughter of crimes that reach into God's Sanctuaries is indicative of the moral decay that occurs when a nation forgets about God. Men have lost all sense of morality and fear of the Lord. It is true that the church is not a law enforcement body, and it need not be. As Paul wrote in Romans 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." We must spread the gospel in our neighborhoods, and communities until God begins to change the lives of these young thieves and robbers. We can go door to door witnessing for God. This would show young teenagers the light that the church shines in the community. We can visit the schools, reformatories, and prisons taking the word of God, our choirs, our friendship and our monies.

This would instill in the young people the concept that the church is a vital organ in the community, and that there is still hope for the lost.

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God did not command that old people should tell of their achievements and experiences, what they had done, what they had seen and heard. They were to recite to the next generations the faithfulness and power of God. What an experience it is to hear shut-ins, people suffering, people in pain, people near death, tell of the God of Israel who remains faithful (Heb. 13:8).

Old age at its best is, therefore, a time of memory. When Samuel was old, he spoke to the people of Israel, "And now, behold, the king walks before you; and I am old and gray, and, behold, my sons are with you; and I have walked before you from my youth until this day" (I Sam. 12:2). Then he recounted some of the experiences of his life. His earlier years were worth remembering, as the grace of God blessed him and guided God's man into His own will.

Build on the memories

Of course old age must be more than a living in the past, a remembering of happier years, now long gone. The Bible speaks of going on from strength to strength. The joys and sorrows, triumphs and tragedies of the years become the building blocks on which to construct the

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CAN SUNDAY SCHOOL BE SAVED

by
Robert T. Coote

You and your wife and three kids find your way about half way to the front of the room and settle into comfortable chairs.

"What's this for?" whispers your twelve-year-old.

He's studying a mimeographed sheet with five questions on it. As a matter of fact, you discover there's a copy for everyone, and other worshipers are already

church in Swansea, Wisc., a Bible church in Dallas, a Wesleyan church in Scottsdale, Ariz. The contrived conversation above reflects something of the bold way in which such churches have experimented with new approaches to the Sunday school.

Some evangelical churches have scrapped Sunday school altogether. This is based on the theory that the spiritual nurture of children is a family

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SPEAKING OF CHURCHES

I could feel that some of the saints were fainthearted, but there were others that were full of faith. That Sunday night I preached from Luke 5:4 "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught" In the message I told them that we had been fishing with a hook but now God was going to give us a net. I reminded them that God had all of the fish under his control, and that in due time God would have a fish with the money in his mouth".

Finally the time came that I was to go in before the business men who were in charge of the sale of the property. That night before I went I preached from the book of Esther, and I told the saints that; "Tomorrow I would go in before the king, and if I perish I perish". The Holy Ghost came in greatly in that service saying through Sis. Matthews "Walk in the door and work". The next night I and my trustees Bro. Norris Miles, and Bro. James Peele went in before the Steering Committee of The Church of Christ, God worded my mouth as I presented my proposal to them and we left looking to God for the victory.

One week later my phone rang; It was their secretary telling me that my proposal had been unanimously accepted. The entire board of more than one hundred members had voted in favor of my proposal, and that I could pick up the keys and take possession that coming Sunday.

So by faith we walked in the door of a more than \$150,000.00 church establishment, measuring 240 feet in front by 214 in the back by 150 feet deep, with a 50 car parking lot, a 400 seat sanctuary, a 50ft. x 50ft. fellowship room, a 24ft x 45ft. modern kitchen, a Complete Educational Building with 19 large class rooms, a 24ft x 30ft. conference room with fire place and air conditioning 5½ rest rooms, men and women lounges, 3 church offices, a bulletin room, and with a 7 room modern apartment with bath, carpet, and fire place, both the Church and the educational building are heated by 2 huge almost new American Standard Steam Furnaces.

Yes! we are truly fishing with a net. The first Sunday we had service there 4 new members put their names on the roll, the next Sunday another member joined, a young man was filled with the Holy Ghost.

Backsliders have returned, attendance has greatly increased visitors are coming to nearly every service, the saints are encouraged and are working as never before. One of our members mother, Mrs. Elro Ponder gave the church \$150.00 on opening day. The news editor at Station WINN (white) wrote the church a check for \$70.00. Our Radio Fund has been growing steadily, and we will start our Sunday night broadcast

at 8:30 P. M. on December 8, 1974. God has blessed us to buy a new H-262 Hammond Organ, with a 400 amp X77 Leslie Speaker, plus a brand new Shure Vocal Master sound system with 3 microphones, the Child Care authorities and the Fire Department have approved us for 100 children in our 50 x 50 foot Recreation room.

We are thanking God for opening this great door of utterance, and we are asking the saints everywhere to pray for our success in this great faith undertaking.

We are not rich, nor do we have more members than we are able to seat, but we do have this net, and the sea is full of good fish that need catching. We look to Jesus to stir the fish. We have launched out into the deep and we have let down the net at His word, the net is filling up.

We beckon to our brothers, our partners, our friends, to come and help us to land a great drought for the Kingdom of God.

Pray our success in the Lord:

Eld. H. E. Plunkett (Pastor)

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"Oh. And where do my kids go?"

"They stay with you."

"Oh!" Your curious look prompts an explanation:

"We use the time for sermon application, sharing family and personal experiences and prayer."

Then you remember the mimeographed sheets.

"What are we supposed to do with these?"

"They're discussion starters. Some of our families like to work through them during the week. We also like to have young people write out their reactions to the sermon and turn them in so that we can name the 'Listener of the week'."

"Well, I'm sorry, but you see we're on a trip. Just passing through."

"Oh, that's fine! Maybe you can share this idea with your pastor back home. If it does for you what it did for us, it'll revolutionize your church life and your family life, too."

"What idea?"

"Keeping the family together for church-no Sunday school. It really works...."

Is a Sunday school revolution necessary for your church?

You may have heard of some who have tried it: a community

they find it insulting to the intellect and irrelevant to life. Most of the time it's just dull, timid and unimaginative. The teaching staff may be dominated by sentimentalists who offer static, wooden Bible interpretation and application. The neighborhood children are enticed with prizes, recreational events and busing (free babysitting for Sunday morning). As long as enrollment is healthy and youngsters profess to have accepted Christ, the church leadership acts as though everything is fine. Who could want for more?

Well, there are a lot of thoughtful Christians who want more. They want Bible study that applies to daily life, that reflects perceptive leadership, that's on target for the problem areas of contemporary living. These families may not always be able to express it, but they sense that authentic commitment to the unchanging Word of God is responsive to today's issues rather than grinding along in the ruts of earlier generations.

But what kind of change will solve the problems and meet higher standards? Do our Sunday schools really have to be radical to be good?

After talking at length with leaders in a dozen churches across the nation, ETERNITY editors concluded that revolution is not the only route to new vitality in America's Sunday

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DEATH NOTICES & MEMORIALS

IN LOVING MEMORY

"The Lord Giveth And The Lord Taketh Away, Blessed It Be The Name Of The Lord."

The Harrison Street Church of God in Christ lost one of its most favorite and oldest members. Deacon Isaac Willis Burton who was 99 years, 10 mos. and 13 days old. He passed away on June 1, 1974 at 9:03 p. m. Deacon Burton was born on July 19, 1874 in Greenville, S. C.

faithful member of the church and of the Deacon board and remained there under the leadership of Elder Isaac King, Jr. until his death. He was ordained a Deacon under the leadership of Elder R. H. Cobb in 1944. "Live the life and preach the Gospel and that you may be obedient that you may have a long life was one of his most favorite sayings. Another one of his most favorite sayings were to the children he told them to obey their parents so that they may live a long life like he did. He

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of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. Lorraine Franklin of Topeka, Kansas and Mrs. Pearl Hill of the home; eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives, and many, many intimate friends and acquaintances throughout the scope of the Church of God in Christ, Int'l. She was a lovable person and not so easy to forget by those who became acquainted with her.

Memorial services for Mother Brown was held at Faith Temple Church, 1162 Lincoln Street, pastor, Reverend Robert A. Jackson, Elder Thomas Pleas, officiant. Eulogistic tributes were given by song and expressions from the following persons: Mother Ida J. Roach, Supervisor of Central Jurisdiction; Mother Martha Walker, Supervisor of Southwest Jurisdiction; Mother Emma Mason, Supervisor of Kansas East Jurisdiction, Mrs. Myrtle Brown of the home church; Bishops G. Kinard and J. O. Owens; Mrs. Dorothy Dibble, Reverend George Nelson and Reverend McGee, and other ministers from in and out of the city.

"Thou art all fair, my love; there is no spot in thee." Songs of Solomon. Chapter 4, verse 7. This scriptural source was the substance of the principal eulogy given by Reverend Floyd Thuston, Minister Church of God in Christ, Chanute, Kansas.

Mrs. LaVerna M. Holly
Reporting
Topeka, Kansas

Mother Brown leaves to mourn her demise, her husband, Bishop I. B. Brown of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Byrdell Norman

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**APRIL CALL MEETING
APRIL 15, 16, 17TH
MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE**

**EVANGELIST CONVENTION
MARCH 3RD -- 9TH
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**

READERS WRITE

YOUTH INSPIRED BY CONVOCATION

by
Michael Roberson

The 67th Holy Convocation of the Church of God in Christ proved to the youth of our church to be a profound exhibit of fine leadership and of great heritage. While looking around the Convention Hall on Sunday, Official Day and seeing a building the capacity of which is 25,000 overflowing with delegates and members, those of my generation can only speculate where God has brought us from. It seems almost too unreal to imagine that this great outpouring of God's Holy Spirit could come from one little spring in our founding father. We, the youth of the church, are often told of the greatness of our founding fathers and mothers. We are reminded from year to year of the great sacrifices of Bishop Charles Harrison Mason, Bishop McEwen, Bishop U. E. Miller, Mother Lizzie Robinson, Mother Lillian Brooks Coffee and others. More recently, our hearts grieved at the death of Bishop Wyoming Wells whose flamboyant, dynamic ministry will never leave those of us who knew him. Yet, God has left with us great men and women; true stalwarts of christianity.

Every member of the Church of God in Christ can be proud of the Women's Department which is led by the wisdom of Mother Bailey. She was incapacitated because of health this year, but the women carried on as she supervised from her seat. This is the proof of great leadership. We the youth, can be proud of our own Youth Department under the watchful and praying eye of Bishop William James. Dr. Arenia C. Mallory has always served as an inspiration to the

youth of our church, but this year she inspired us more than ever. As she spoke on that monumental day in Church of God in Christ history-the commencement of our Bible colleges-we were taught by her experience. Dr. Mallory emphatically encouraged the graduates and every young person there to hold to God's unchanging hand. She instructed, "If great men put you up there, great men can take you down." Fortunately, as our church grows older we become more mature. The symbol of this came on Official Day with the one and only Mattie Moss Clark and her daughter Albernetta ("Twinkie"). And again on Women's Day when the co-chairman of the Purity Class, Sister Barbara Whitehead was accompanied to the rostrum by her daughter LaBarbara. Like mother, like daughter; same God, same Holy Ghost. What better tribute to our parents than to carry out the work they began.

No discussion of present day leadership would be complete without acknowledging one of the most articulate, illustrious, but most important of all spirit filled leaders in the entire Church of God in Christ history:

Bishop J. O. Patterson. Space will not permit the waving of the credentials of Bishop Patterson. So, to prove his forbearance and stamina we only point to the Official Day where God saved hundreds, filled hundreds with the Holy Ghost and because of Bishop Patterson's obedience to God, rained on us from heaven. Those of my generation, who grew up around this church and then were saved into the church can only pray that when the time comes we will carry the blood-stained banner as well.

FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE-TRY OLD AGE

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present and anticipate the future. What a blessing to share the joy and exuberance of the psalmist, "I will call to mind the deeds of the Lord; yea, I will remember thy wonders of old" (Ps. 77:11).

Old age is a time of respect, according to the biblical pattern. The writer of Prov. 23:22 commands the younger generation: "Hearken to your father who begot you, and do not despise your mother when she is old." Moses directed the people of God to have high

regard for their elders, virtually equating such an attitude with true worship: "You shall rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord" (Lev. 19:32).

Age alone doesn't earn respect

Older people should understand that such respect from younger people is not automatic. When Paul wrote to Philemon, he claimed authority as "Paul the aged," but it was Paul, not just anybody. His life and his

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CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPPOSE MEDITATION MOVEMENT

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On a broader scale, the Christian World Liberation Front thwarted the passage of a bill in the California State Legislature to introduce TM courses into public schools from the primary to the college levels. A massive letter-writing campaign was so effective that the bill died a quiet death in committee and its sponsor decided against its reintroduction.

CWLF members are now working to "put out the brush fires." School teachers are frequently offered free courses in Transcendental Meditation, explains CWLF member Dave Fetcho. If they are enthusiastic about the technique, the TM instructor is frequently invited to speak to the teacher's classes, and then to parents to gain their permission to teach TM to their children.

"The parents are given a 'low pitch,' with the TM instructor emphasizing that TM is thoroughly non-sectarian," says Fetcho. "When CWLF has been invited to these meetings, we have been able to demonstrate the religious character of TM, and it is not usually introduced. But in other cases TM has found its way into the schools without any kind of official endorsement."

CWLF is now preparing to file a law-suit that they hope will reach the Supreme Court, resulting in a declaratory judgment that TM is distinctively religious and has no place in public schools.

"We are studying the Maharishi's books like The Science of Being and the Art of Living and we are finding hundreds of clear and concrete examples of TM's religious nature," Fetcho says. "It ties directly into the Sankhya tradition of Hinduism." Some elements, like the initiation rite, are clearly religious, and the Maharishi has written that the mantras have profound meaning, whether the practitioner realizes it or not.

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COGIC PROGRESSES IN SOUTH AFRICA

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We were grateful for all the visitors who graced our Convocation, and I am unable to find words to express my gratitude to all delegates who made this Holy Gathering a success. Above all, we are asking the saints throughout the world to continue to pray for us that our faith in Jesus may be greater and stronger. We appeal to all those who wish to know more about the Master's work here in Botswana to write me today for further information:

Elder I. B. Ndubiwa
P. O. Box 8
Sebina
Botswana, Southern Africa

Yours for the Master

Elder I. B. Ndubiwa

PICTORIAL TRIBUTE TO BISHOP WYOMING WELLS



BISHOP WELLS STANDING WITH HIS OLDEST SON

DEATH

I cannot say, and I will not say
That he is dead. He is just away.

With a cheery smile, and a wave of
the hand, He has wandered into an
unknown land.

And left us dreaming how very fair
It needs must be, since he lingers
there.

And you—oh, you, who the wildest
yearn For an old-time step, and the
glad return,

Think of him faring on, as dear In
the love of There as the love of
Here.

Think of him still as the same. I
say, He is not dead—he is just away.

James Whitcomb Riley



BISHOP WELLS AND WIFE



Death's true name is
no discordance in the roll And
march of that Eternal Harmony
Whereto the world beats time.

Alfred Tennyson.

When sinks the soul Subdued by
toil to slumber, It's closing eye
looks up To Thee in prayer. Sweet
the repose Beneath Thy wings o'er
shading But sweeter still to wake
And find Thee there.

Harriet Beecher Stowe.



BISHOP WELLS ALWAYS HAD TIMELY WORDS OF WISDOM FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY



PRESIDING BISHOP PATTERSON SHARING A HUMOROUS MOMENT WITH BISHOP WELLS

FOR THE TIME OF YOUR LIFE

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relationship to Philemon had been worthy of the respect and honor of others. Old age at its best is virtuous old age, and possession of godliness should accompany the claim to respect.

It will be only small comfort to older people today to know that they are not the first to be denied the respect of the young. Others before them have been the subjects of ridicule and abuse. "Elisha went up from there to Bethel; and while he was going up on the way, some small boys came out of the city and jeered at him, saying, 'Go up, you baldhead! Go up, you baldhead!'" And he turned around, and when he saw them, he cursed them in the name of the Lord" (II Kings 2:23-24).

Lack of respect for the elderly is a sign of a nation in upheaval. Isaiah speaks of such a people under the judgment of God; a nation about to be destroyed: "And the people will oppress one another, every man his fellow and every man his neighbor; the youth will be insolent to the elder, and the base fellow to the honorable" (Isa. 3:5).

Old age is also a time for a proper view of death. Christians are free to speak of death. In fact they must do so, for their God and His Son offer resources to face all of life, even the great reality of death. Others may avoid the subject; some may even fear to use the word. How foolish to ignore a sequence that has universal experience to substantiate it—birth, youth, maturity, old age, death. After old age comes death.

Death is not nothing. But it is also not horrible, not for the Christian. It is rather a thing of joy. In calm meditation old age can be a time of getting ready for a meeting with Jesus, you

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SERVICES OF BISHOP WELLS

Inside, a portrait of Wells high on the sanctuary wall was draped in black. Flowers had been placed about his casket. The sanctuary was dimly lit and people lined the balcony to one side.

Indicative of Wells' prominence were the speakers. Four members of the General Board were on the program, as were a number of members of the denomination's Board of Bishops.

They represented cities across the United States from California to Connecticut and Michigan to Louisiana.

In all the denomination represents some 4 million internationally. The church's International Convocation had been held in Memphis. The convocation ended Thursday and many of the 20,000 who had attended came to Greensboro en route to their homes.

The Church of God in Christ's presiding Bishop J.O. Patterson was the featured speaker.

He read the Biblical story of the raising of Lazarus from the dead and said that through this action Christ communicated to man the concept of eternal life.

Wells, who was eulogized as a selfless man who inspired thousands during his career had been given eternal life and today is in Heaven, said Bishop Patterson.

At the end of the service, Wells' casket was closed and borne out to the hearse waiting on Asheboro Street. The throngs watched him leave his temple for the last time and many followed to the burial site at Lake-view Memorial Park.

'PENTECOSTAL FRIENDSHIP-FELLOWSHIP SERVICE'

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! Psalm 133:1

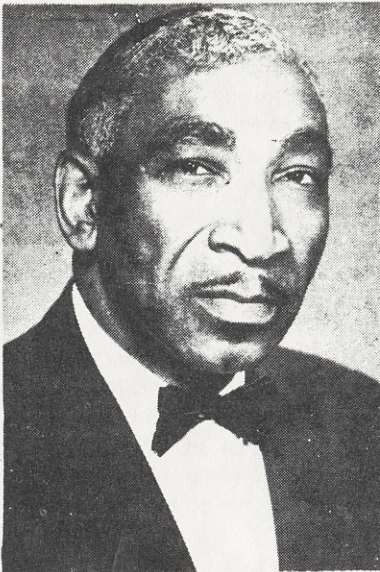
Greetings in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. The Lord has recently taken us through our Second Annual Pentecostal Friendship-Fellowship Service here at Holy Temple Church of God In Christ where Elder L.C. Dade is pastor.

During August 15 thru 18 the table was spread and the feast of the Lord was going on at Holy Temple. Our souls were filled and inspired to do more to see souls saved.

The first night, Thursday August 15, was evangelistic night. Our speaker was Elder William Johnson of Pine Bluff, Arkansas. His sermon was entitled "Holy Boldness." Truly he preached to our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost. There were other participating elders on this night; Supt. P.L. Barnes including his district choir under the direction of Bro. Jesse Carter. Elder A.J. Devine of Little Rock, Arkansas conducted the evangelistic phase of the service accompanied by other ministers and missionaries and by his congregation.

Friday night August 16, our speaker was Elder Percy Dean, State YPWW President of Mississippi-Northern Jurisdiction. His Sermon was entitled "What is Your Refuge." Truly our hearts were made to feel glad as the Lord manifested in the Temple.

On Saturday, August 17, that afternoon delegates from Kansas City, Missouri and from Chicago, Ill., arrived by bus to be a part of the service. Sis. Bernice Shelby from Chicago lead the Open-Air service at the Wiengarten Shopping Center. We witnessed to almost everyone in the area, passing motorist were stopped also to be reached. Truly God set His approval on these services. That night a group of young saints gave talks on their experiences in witnessing and how to witness successfully. There were numerous choirs, giving more than 200 voices, and delegates from all directions in-state and out of state; Kinnerly Temple COGIC, and Malcolm Speed and Group of St. Louis, Mo., Western Missouri Jurisdictional Choir of Kansas City, Mo., Faith Temple COGIC



REV. SAMUEL A. WHITE
D. D. Th.D.

BROOKLYN, NEW YORK

Greetings to the Saints everywhere, we the Saints of the Church of God in Christ "On the Hill" 137 Buffalo Ave. Brooklyn, New York were blessed to have given a banquet in honor of our pastor Dr. Samuel A. White who has served faithfully as a minister of the Gospel for fifty years. This event took place on September 28, 1974 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Park Ave. and 50th Street in New York City, this is one of the most famous Hotels in the world, to our knowledge this was the first affair of this kind by the Church of God in Christ to have been held there. The banquet was attended by hundreds of dignitaries and friends.

We were elated to have had Dr. Norman Quick to serve as M.C. for this prestigious affair. The program for the evening was said to have been the best that our guest had ever witness, such outstanding talent was presented such as Mrs. Mary Washington, Mrs. Barbara Price, Mrs. Marie Swindell, and special guest concert pianist, Mrs. Ruthenia Corbett Clark of Norfolk Virginia, who was accompanied by her husband Mr. Herman Clark, Jr. There were special recitals rendered by Mrs. Mamie Winbush and Mrs. Ruth Williams in honor of Pastor White. Let me pause here to comment on the great accomplishment our Pastor has achieved during his years in

of Chicago, Ill., and many many others. The guest soloist on that night was the nationally known Sis. Margaret Richardson of Kansas City, Mo. She is the secretary to Bishop C.N. Rucker of Kansas City, Mo.

On Sunday, August 18, Sunday School was conducted by the guest Sunday School Superintendent, Brother Samuel Kimbrew of Chicago Faith Temple COGIC. The speaker for the noon worship service was Dr. C.C. Owens Pastor of Emmanuel COGIC in Chicago and the president of the COGIC Religious Guild. His text was entitled "Holy Ghost Power," taken from Acts 1:8. Truly Dr. Owens was a dynamic speaker anointed of God.

The Mass Pentecostal Service was held at 3:00 P.M. The choirs and groups included the Deloach Singers from Arkadelphia, Ark., First COGIC from Fort Smith,

God's service. After graduating from the Egg Harbor High School of Egg Harbor, New Jersey he went on to prepare himself for greater service, he completed his courses at Riders College, receiving the Bachelor of Arts Degree. After a long and constant study of the scriptures he also received the Doctor of Theology Degree from Sea Shore Bible College, Lakewood, New Jersey, the Doctor of Divinity Degree from the Lawson's Bible Institute of Southern Pine, North Carolina, and on this great occasion the Doctorate of Sacred Theology was conferred upon Dr. White by Dr. Ithiel Clemmons from the O. M. Kelly Bible Institute and the New York Divinity School. Dr. White has served as associated minister and radio announcer with Bishop F. D. Washington, and with Bishop O. M. Kelly for about twenty years. Dr. White pastored in Newark and Montclair, New Jersey for a number of years. Pastor White was an executive for the New York City Housing Authority for many years before retiring, and at the present Dr. White is the Pastor at the "Church On The Hill", District Superintendent of the Brooklyn Hill District, State Financial Secretary of Eastern New York, Treasurer of the O. M. Kelly Religious Bible Institute, and a member of the Interim Board of the same Institute. Sister Eunice White is the lovely and sweet wife of Pastor White who always stands by his side, we all love her dearly. With all of Dr. White's great ability and accomplishments, to us his members, he is lovingly saluted as just "Brother Pastor" to us that covers a lot of ground.

Ark., Malcolm Speed and Group from St. Louis, Mo., and Faith Temple COGIC of Chicago, Ill. Guest Saxophonists were Kalob King of Milwaukee, Wis. and Vernard Johnson of Fort Worth, Texas. The guest soloists were Sis. Margaret Richardson of Kansas, City, Mo., Sister Louvenia Roden of Malvern, Ark., and Bro. Tom Pulliam of Chicago, Ill. Sis. O.J. Haney mother of the President of the C.H. Mason Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia was present to give expressions. Guest ministers included Eld. M. DeVon Lewis from Elkhart, Indiana, Dr. A.L. Hunt, Pastor of West Dumas COGIC in Dumas, Arkansas, Eld. R.J. Ward, Pastor of Kennerly Temple COGIC in St. Louis, Mo. who was the featured speaker during the Mass Service. In this service the Spirit of the Lord swept through the Temple in such a glorious way that we did not interlude but went right on into the next service Youth In Action which was conducted by Min. Paul R. Dade. In this service "Witnessing and its Techniques" was the focal point. Our evening message was given by Eld. Randolph Moore, Pastor of Tate Tabernacle COGIC in Chicago.

During the Mass Service our Pastor, Eld. L.C. Dade was given the Citation of Special Commendation for many years of service to the COGIC and to the community by Dr. C.C. Owens.

There were delegates from as many as thirteen states in

Many dignitaries and distinguish guests were present, to name a few. Bishop O. M. Kelly, Jurisdictional Bishop of Eastern New York, Mother Creola Wallace, State Supervisor of Women, Bishop Frank Cook, Bishop C. H. Colton, Dr. S. Y. Burnett, Dr. & Mrs. J. T. Burks, Dr. & Mrs. J. P. Lee, Madame Ernestine Washington and Bishop & Mrs. Chandler Owens, Jurisdictional Bishop of the third Ecclesiastes Jurisdiction of Newark, New Jersey who was the key note speaker of the evening, and great was the message of this dynamic man of God. We sat spellbound as Bishop Owens expounded the words of truth on Christian Conduct and Racial Pride, automatically our hands went up and our A-men's rang out, he received a standing ovation at the conclusion of the message. To culminate this wonderful and unforgettable affair a gold plated plaque was presented to Pastor White, by Deacon Dallas Lucas in behalf of the officers and members of our church expressing our love and gratitude for Pastor White dedicated service he has rendered to us since he has been our Pastor.

The Banquet Committee was chaired by Rev. J. J. White Ass't to the Pastor, Co-Chairman Deacon Dallas Lucas, Sister Rose Brown, and Sister M. Dickerson and others. It is a fact that a great amount of credit for the success of our Banquet Hall. She worked untiringly for the comfort and enjoyment of all who attended. Sister Brown is a very fine young Missionary of the local church, and she is the wife of our State Superintendent of the Sunday School Department, Rev. Aaron Brown.

We wish to commend all of the members and many friends who help to make this affair for our Pastor a great success, I must say that everyone, just everyone was so beautifully attired until the entire dining hall looked like a beautiful bouquet of flowers, and now may God ever bless our pastor with health and long life and many more anniversaries.

Rev. S. A. White, Pastor
Sis. Terry L. Mayfield
Reporter

attendance for the services. Combined throughout the services 3500 persons attended.

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. Psalm 122: 1-4.

We the saints at Holy Temple COGIC extend an open invitation to you to come and be blessed in our next Annual Pentecostal Friendship-Fellowship Service for four great days of Holy Ghost feasting embracing the third Sunday of August 1975. Pray for Us.

Bro. Ron E. Kimbrew, Reporter
Bro. John E. Isom, Jr. Reporter
Eld. L.C. Dade, Pastor

WESTERN NEW YORK
JURIS. II

Our 54th annual Holy Convocation convened Aug. 5-11, 1974, under the able leadership of Bishop C.H. McCoy, and Supervisor Elizabeth Walker. The theme of the meeting was "A Peculiar People," Titus 2:14. Host church for the Convocation was Grace Tabernacle Eld. Houston Williams, Pastor.

The day sessions were a great blessing to those attending. Our Bishop spoke and taught under the anointing. Various pastors of the diocese brought the afternoon messages.

We were most fortunate in having our illustrious Presiding Bishop with us on Thursday evening. Bishop J.O. Patterson greatly inspired and encouraged our hearts. He spoke from the subject, "God Needs a Little Preaching Man;" letting us know that the conditions of the world can only be bettered through the preaching of the everlasting gospel. It was a message we shall long remember.

The theme of Friday's Woman's Day Session was "The Second Coming of Christ." Mother Walker presided over the entire day. The Lord, through the messages, made us more keenly aware of the nearness of His coming.

Pray for us in Western New York, Jurisdiction II, that we will keep within us that purifying hope until He comes.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF.

GOOD SAMARITAN
WILLING WORKERS INC.AN OUT REACH TO HELP
THE NEEDY

Remember the words of Jesus, For ye have the poor with you always. Mark 14:7.

Hark I hear the Savior calling, who will come and work today? There is indeed an urgency and a great demand for willing workers for the cause of charity, for the needy, here, and at large.

THE GOOD SAMARITAN WILLING WORKERS, now long standing. It was 28 years ago that Mother Georgia Eldridge, formerly known then as Missionary Georgia James and a member of the Calvary Temple C.O.G.I.C. under the pastorate of the time of Bishop J. A. Blake in North Little Rock, Ark. It was there she formed and organized this organization that is publicly known as the GOOD SAMARITAN WILLING WORKERS INC. which has since grown in leaps and bounds.

The founder and president of this branch of mission to help the needy has worked untiringly to do a work. After heeding the master's call.

A wise philosopher once said: To pity distress is human, but to relieve is Godlike. Since taking up residence in the City of Los Angeles, the president now a member of the Holy Mt. C.O.G.I.C. under the pastorate

of Eld. C. M. Alston. She has continued her struggle to aid the poor and needy. Having through her toil and effort be able to gain and recruit other workers, who are working faithfully by her side as an out reach to the less fortunate.

Besides the regular routine of distribution to the needy in G.S.W.W. Inc. seem to be taking every precaution, working with all diligence to heed to the warning words of Jesus, when He said For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat, thirsty, and you gave me no drink...Matt. 25:42.

For usually, during the approach of the holiday seasons. These ardent workers are found making up big baskets for the destitute loaded with such as it takes to make an ideal Christmas meal for needy families to add to this the president and co-workers go to the extent to prepare and serve full course dinners from the auditorium to those who might not otherwise have the privilege to enjoy some of the delicacies of the holiday. This is a gesture to be complimented "indeed"

This organization is on the move the president and founder has been able to relish some of her dreams for the less fortunate. It was through the efforts and keen foresight of this courageous leader, and with the support of her faithful worker she was able to purchase a nice spacious building with an upstairs. And necessary facilities and the conveniences in order to

accomodate and serve the public in a more proficient manner.

Having an auditorium, office room, plenty of storage room for clothing furniture, appliances, food product and etc. To better serve the community as an intake and out put service.

At this point we'd like to give our readers excerpts taken from one of the letters of appeal by the way of announcement coming from the president. Mother Eldridge. Hopefully to inspire and encourage more willing workers as well as donors to this worthy cause. Remember when we help others we help ourselves. In accord with the sayings of the wise man, Solomon:

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; And that with he hath given will he pay him again. Prov. 19:17.

So we see to give we have nothing to lose.

Letter Excerpts: We are the Good Samaritan Willing Workers Inc. nonprofit cooperation, organized April 16, 1974 (legally) in the State of California, City of Los Angeles, Calif. an intake and output service. Our primary purpose is

to provide for the physical and emotional needs of the people and counseling. We are a nonfunded, self supporting Corp. We need volunteers willing workers, professionals, non professionals to help us, furniture, clothes, food, shelter, prosperity, toys, transportation, finance and your prayers.

Let us help you to help others. Good Samaritan Willing Workers Inc. Intake and Output Center call us Telephone 213-971-8153. Sending all donations to 6014 South Broadway, Los Angeles, California 90007.

Yours Truly Georgia Eldridge

The G.S.W.W. Inc is notarize having our seal of indentity Letterhead stationary to serve you on legal basis. Lets get involved, dividing some of our material blessings to this brand of mission for the needy.

Mother Georgia Eldridge, President

Sis. Thelma J. Wooten, Reporter

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and He both fully alive. What a shame it would be to waste old age on the young. Hear Paul: "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain" (Phil.1:21)

Old age at its best is also a time of youthful vigor. Other "Strengths" may fail, but the grace of God endures and can be realized in greater abundance. "Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint" (Isa. 40:30-31). While the outward man grows weak, the inner man can be renewed day by day.

The old can be young

A youthful outlook is not the privilege only of the young. In the midst of advancing years, in fact just before his death, Moses gave his stirring farewell message to the people of Israel (Deuteronomy 4). He called them to live in the present, a day of privilege (v. 4), advantage (vv. 8, 20), warning (v. 26) and commitment (vv. 39-40). The love of Jesus is indeed "sweeter" as the years go by." Old age can be a time of renewed vitality, spiritual vigor.

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goes to school, and goes into the hospitals and convalescent homes praying for the sick, and giving them the word of God. She also involves herself in street services. She serves on the nurse's board at this church.

Hopefully this testimony will help someone who has the need for healing, as our Dear Sis. Coleman once did.

If thou canst believe all things are possible to him that believeth. St. John 9:23

Elder Harvey Jessie-Pastor
Sis. Rosie L. Davis-Reporter

PEORIA, ILLINOIS

We the saints of God at Anderson Memorial Church of God in Christ, 2500 Northeast Madison Street, in the city of Peoria, Illinois, thank God for His manifold blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

The Lord blessed us to purchase a beautiful well-kept Brick Church and two houses and garage for \$40,000. This property had been appraised for 75,000. As is often the case, there were some "blockers and knockers", but through it all, the Lord gave us the victory. Our Church dedication was in November 1973.

Under the administration of the present Pastor, Eld. Walter H. Lee, (A Former Funeral Home owner in Mounds, Ill., and Poplar Bluff, Mo.), the church has attained it's highest recorded membership enrollment, since its inception. His wife, Evangelist Dorothy M. Lee is working faithfully by his side.

Anderson Memorial church is evangelistically oriented. Under Pastor Lee's ministry he has endeavored to have revival services at least every three months.

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